

APPROVED MINUTES OF
VILLAGE OF EAGLE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 10, 2013

The Village Board meeting was called to order by President Spurrell on January 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Open meeting law requirements were confirmed by the Deputy Clerk as having been met. Roll call: Trustees Degenhardt, Greenberg, Neuburg, Rice, Scheff, and President Spurrell were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Neuburg.

Review/Approval of Minutes – (Regular-December 13, 2012, Special Board Meeting Nov 27th, Special Joint Meetings on October 10, 2012 and January 3, 2013)

Motion: Moved by Trustee Rice, seconded by Trustee Greenberg, to approve the Minutes of the special board meeting of November 27, 2012, the Special Joint meetings on October 10th 2012, and January 3, 2013 along with the December 13, 2012 regular board meeting with the correction of the name Heim noted. Trustee Neuburg asked if she should abstain from voting on the approval of the meeting of which she was unable to attend. President Spurrell stated it was not necessary to abstain. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Consideration of Treasurer's Report, including regular monthly accounts payable

Trustee Greenberg pointed out that there still seems to be an issue with the expenses for the police chief and the police department. Treasurer Sterzinger clarified that a note had been put on the email with the treasurer's report that there is still a problem, but with taxes and the preparation of water bills, plus the holidays, she is still working on getting to the bottom of the problem. She has found there are problems but has not been able to come up with the answers for tonight's meeting. Trustee Rice questioned the number of checks written for tax refunds. President Spurrell explained that it was due to so many people escrowing their taxes, and the tax bills being the same or lower than last year for most residents. Trustee Greenberg asked about the differences in the totals on the report, and President Spurrell stated that he suspects that it will be found to be the benefits from the surcharge for insurance. He went on to state that the report shows amounts from water, which the board does not budget. Treasurer explained that it was her error for including water in the overall report and will watch more carefully in the future.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Greenberg, seconded by Trustee Degenhardt, to approve the Treasurer's interim report until a final year-end report can be submitted, including the accounts payable. The motion carried unanimously 6-0

Clerk's Report

Sterzinger reported there was a movement of impact fee monies from the dormant account into the tax account for the road work. There is no land lease interest to date. Publication ran January 2nd and January 9th, 2013. The first tax settlement is due the taxing entities January 15th 2013. The checks need to be processed and to the Post Office before the close of the Post Office hours, or the checks will have to be hand delivered on Tuesday, the 15th. There is a spring primary for the Supreme Court Justice seat. Also reported was the lack of home phone number or email address for Mark Schoessow with the submission of his candidacy papers.

Citizen Comments/Concerns

Sharon Royston, 330 Appletree Ln, requested the spelling of the last name of candidate Schoessow. She then inquired about agenda item number 16 iii, the referendum item. She pointed out that there is no rush for this since the Board had not budgeted for the police station in the 2013 budget. She also pointed out that there has been no Board position on whether to go ahead or not. Royston also inquired about the Village Board strategic planning. Royston volunteered to facilitate an on line survey to get input from residents asking what they would like to see the Village to look at in their strategic planning. She explained about the effectiveness of the surveys and the program consolidation of data.

Jim Frisch, 817 Sutton Drive, commented on the Park and Rec. Department situation. He is concerned about the behavior of parents at sports events and the monitoring of same.

Announcements:

President Spurrell announced that he has been told by Clerk O'Brien that the Building Inspector contacted the Waukesha Count Environmentalist regarding the John Finger property which has been brought up at the last several meetings. The Environmentalist explained that he has been out to check the building 3 or 4 times and stated everything appears to be working properly. There has been a suggestion that the Board look into putting on a condition that with the business being a salon, it should be pumped once a year.

Trustee Greenberg stated that the Park & Rec. Director resigned and there is an interim director as the search begins for a replacement. President Spurrell explained that there would be more information in the committee reports.

Chief Ehlers was not in attendance and Captain Lesniewski did not have any comments.

Chief Heim reported that the Fire Department graciously donated lights for the conference room.

Consideration/action-request of Emily M. Niemyjski for an Operator's License to serve at Knuckleheads

Motion: Motion to approve the Operator's License to serve at Knuckleheads for Emily M Niemyjski was made by Trustee Rice and seconded by Trustee Degenhardt. There was no discussion. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Consideration/Action-request of Michael J. Cavill for an Operator's License to serve at Coyote Canyon

Motion: Motion to approve the Operator's License to serve at Coyote Canyon for Michael J Cavill was made by Trustee Degenhardt and seconded by Trustee Rice. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Consideration/Action-request of Rachel M. Schneider for an Operator's License to serve at Coyote Canyon

Motion: Motion to approve the Operator's License to serve at Coyote Canyon for Rachel M. Schneider was made by Trustee Degenhardt and seconded by Trustee Rice. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Consideration/Action-Appointment of open trustee seat until April 2014 to fill position vacated by Rick Block

Deputy Clerk Sterzinger was asked if there had been any inquiries on filling the position. She replied that as far as she knew, Sharon Royston was the only one to indicate a desire to fill the seat. President Spurrell asked if there were any emails or phone calls with any other interested parties. With not being in the office on the day of the meeting she was not aware of any. Trustee Greenberg explained that, Lynn Greenberg, was interested and phoned the office on Wednesday. There was a misunderstanding because the Deputy Clerk believed that Ms. Greenberg was simply asking for an agenda "item", not that she would like to be considered. Deputy Clerk apologized, and Trustee Greenberg stated that Ms. Greenberg was not able to attend this meeting, but would like to be considered. With this information, it was moved and seconded by Spurrell/Greenberg to table the decision until next meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

Library Committee – Trustee Degenhardt reported that there was no meeting. Meeting is scheduled for next week.

Park & Rec. Committee – President Spurrell gave a bit more detail on the announcement that Trustee Greenberg had made earlier. Ms. Heywood, former Park & Rec. Director, resigned and there is currently an interim director. There is a search for a permanent replacement, with ads being put in the Mukwonago Chief; resumes will be collected and reviewed by the Village & Town board members who are on the committee. They will do the interviews and make the recommendations to the respective boards. In the mean time, Samantha (Sam) Blonien who has done her internship here, will be doing limited hours since she does currently have another job. Hours will be scheduled and posted.

Fire Commission – There are personnel changes in the Fire Department with the resignation of Gigi Laine as secretary of the commission, who has found full time employment elsewhere. Ms. Laine will be replaced by Lisa Bice who was chosen after a resume and interview process. Chief Heim announced that Scott Kugel has been promoted to Lieutenant.

Committee Reports

Code & Ordinance

Trustee Rice stated that the next meeting is scheduled for January 21st, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

A fee schedule for all Village fees will be considered at that meeting so that all fees can be in one place.

Police & Licensing

Trustee Scheff stated that the evaluation of Chief Ehlers was tabled due to the chief's illness and his inability to attend the meeting.

Corporal Bruckner presented the new scheduling for the department for winter and summer. Jim Frisch was in attendance of the meeting to request quotes for the police building. Also discussed was the need for an informational letter on the police building to be sent to residents.

The idea of a referendum was discussed as well as monies that had not been spent in 2012 to be used for items that are needed currently. Trustee Scheff invited Captain Lesniewski to explain the requests for purchase. The surplus came from drug seizures and the fire arms safety classes. The items in question are phone upgrades for the department; finishing the TRAX program in both squad cars. There are 4 radios that will be obsolete at the next upgrade by the county which will come near the end of 2013. Currently there are 5 upgradeable radios, but there is a request to purchase an extra radio since the 4 will be of no use. Lesniewski pointed out that these are "wants" but it would be helpful to take care of this now. He also stated that the purchase of a digital scale (approximately \$50) would be helpful in processing illegal drugs. In addition, the old unmarked squad could use new tires.

It was pointed out that in light of the school shooting tragedy, a recommendation was made that the squad be supplied with a shield and helmet for the officer safety. Since our Village officers would most likely be the first on scene, protection is necessary to enter a building or face such a situation. As the Captain spoke he explained that the totals for all items came to approximately \$4,900 and there was an excess of approximately \$7,000 on hand.

Discussion followed with Trustee Rice asking if the radios were in the 2013 budget. He also questioned the 2012 versus the 2013 budget items. President Spurrell mentioned that 2012 revenue will go into 2013 general fund.

Motion: Trustee Greenberg moved to approve \$5000 excess from the 2012 budget for the proposed 2013 purchases. Trustee Degenhardt seconded the motion. Discussion continued with Trustee Rice commending the Police Department with coming up with a surplus, which is what the Board would like to see every department accomplish if possible. However, he states that just because there is extra money, it doesn't need to be spent. He pointed out that a budget is set, and that is what the Village works off of. Discussion continued. President Spurrell pointed out the motion on the floor and Trustee Greenberg pointed out that the motion is for \$5,000 not the entire amount of surplus from 2012. Trustee Rice stated that as a rule of finance it is not right to be moving monies around from one year into the next. Spurrell then pointed out that if there is surplus money it goes into the General Fund. Greenberg repeated the motion is only for \$5,000.

The vote was taken and motion carried 4-2 with Degenhardt, Greenberg, Neuburg and Scheff voting Aye and Rice and Spurrell voting nay.

In discussion of the referendum issue, Trustee Scheff stated that the committee voted to approve having a referendum so the people of the Village can have an understanding of what is going on and have a say in the process. President Spurrell explained the procedure involved in the referendum

process. There are publication deadlines which are coming up very quickly. Spurrell explained that Clerk O'Brien had emailed him with some of the deadlines and all that needs to be accomplished by the deadlines. Costs of the referendum were discussed.

Motion: Trustee Greenberg made the motion to proceed with holding a referendum for the police department building on the next possible election. The second was made by Trustee Scheff. Spurrell clarified that the referendum would be on the next available election. Scheff stated that he will follow up with Clerk O'Brien to find out what exactly is needed to proceed. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Public Works & Property

President Spurrell stated that no meeting was held, however, the DPW Supervisor has requested a meeting. In lieu of no chairperson at this time, Spurrell will contact the Supervisor to set a meeting.

Personnel & Finance

Due to the holidays the committee did not meet this past month; they will meet again in January. However, President Spurrell pointed out that he put on the agenda Committee Capital Plans. It was requested that the committees formulate capital plans. Because he doesn't want this to be put on the back burner as was the case in previous months and years, he is formally asking of the committees at their next month's meetings, that they formulate a capital plan for what major expenses might be outside the normal budget items. He asked that the written plans be given to the Personnel & Finance Committee so it can be consolidated to see where everything stands.

Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee Rice, seconded by Trustee Degenhardt, to adjourn the meeting. President Spurrell called the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Sterzinger, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk